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**ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS – Reorganization Meeting**

Acting Chair Doug Smith called to order a Reorganization Meeting of the Erie County Board of Elections at 6:04 p.m. in the Erie County Council Caucus Room, 114A, of the Erie County Courthouse.

Mr. Smith then called the roll:

Members Present:     Mr. Anderson  
                               Mrs. Fatica  
                               Dr. Foust  
                               Mr. Horton  
                               Mr. Leone  
                               Mr. Rastetter

Members Absent:     Mrs. Loll

Also Present:           Douglas R. Smith, Clerk of Elections

3.     **Hearing of the Public:**

None.

4.     **Nominations for Chairman:**

Mr. Leone moved to appoint Mr. Horton as Chair. Dr. Foust seconded the motion.

Mr. Leone then moved to close the nominations, which was seconded by Dr. Foust and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

The nomination of Mr. Horton as Chair carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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5. **Nominations for Vice Chair:**

Dr. Foust moved to appoint Mr. Anderson as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Mrs. Fatica.

Mr. Leone moved to close the nominations, this was seconded by Mrs. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

The nomination of Mr. Anderson as Vice Chair carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

6. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Mr. Leone moved to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2017 Special Meeting. This was seconded by Dr. Foust and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

7. **Other Business:**

Mr. Leone moved to approve the change in polling location for Erie 2-4 from Wayne School to East High School. This was seconded by Dr. Foust.

Chairman Horton stated that in the past when polling sites have been changed, there has at times not been adequate posting which caused confusion. He asked that information be sent out in a timely manner, and maybe closer to the election.

Mr. Smith stated that a mailing will be done and the media will be notified as early as it makes sense and when it is closer to the election.

Mrs. Fatica asked if there would be a posting at Wayne School on Election Day that would direct voters to East High School. Mr. Smith clarified that this would be done.

Chairman Horton stated that East High School has one voting district right now. He asked for a listing of all the voting districts that currently exist as there have been numerous constrictions of voting districts. He would like to have a current list. Mr. Smith stated he would provide that list to all the Election Board members.

Chairman Horton also asked for a map of all the voting districts. He said there is some confusion with voters on the boundaries and where they are

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supposed to vote in his district. Mr. Smith stated he would provide a map to Chairman Horton.

Mr. Leone stated that because of all the schools closing in the city, the options for voting sites is becoming very slim. He stated that it keeps dwindling and he's not sure how this will affect the future.

Chairman Horton stated that there are some things that should be addressed in conjunction with Erie Refocused, the blight in the city, and the gentrification.

Mr. Smith stated that the redistricting will occur with the census by the federal government, which will be re-examined at that point. The census won't occur for a few years, in 2020, but the redistricting will occur at that time.

Mr. Anderson had a concern with moving a voting site to a different ward. He asked if there was a better option like the fire house or another building. He is concerned that the voters would be voting outside of the ward.

Mr. Smith stated that the district that is moving out of Wayne used to vote at the fire house, but it was a difficult area regarding parking, ADA accessibility, and other issues.

The motion to approve the change in polling location for Erie 2-4 from Wayne School to East High School then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

## **8. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Deneé M. Breter, Council Secretary